STATE OF IOWA

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

UTILITIES BOARD

IN RE:

SOUTHWESTERN BELL COMMUNICATIONS SERVICES, INC. d/b/a SBC LONG DISTANCE DOCKET NOS. TCU-03-18 TF-03-554

CERTIFICATE NO. 0278

CERTIFICATE

(Issued March 4, 2004)

On December 12, 2003, Southwestern Bell Communications Services, Inc. d/b/a SBC Long Distance, filed with the Utilities Board (Board) an application for a certificate of public convenience and necessity, pursuant to Iowa Code § 476.29. Also on December 12, 2003, SBC filed a proposed tariff that contained the terms, conditions, and rates for local exchange service and listed the exchanges where SBC intended to provide service. Revisions to the tariff were filed on February 23, 2004. The proposed tariff and revisions have been identified as Docket No. TF-03-554.

An order approving the application and the proposed tariff, with revisions, is being issued concurrently with this certificate. Since SBC will have an approved tariff to provide local exchange service, the Board will issue Certificate No. 0278, authorizing SBC to provide local exchange service in the listed exchanges.

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IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

This certificate of public convenience and necessity, issued pursuant to Iowa Code § 476.29(1) (2003), authorizes Southwestern Bell Communications Services, Inc. d/b/a SBC Long Distance, to furnish local telephone service in the exchanges as shown by its tariffs as currently and subsequently approved.

UTILITIES BOARD

	/s/ Diane Munns
ATTEST:	/s/ Mark O. Lambert
/s/ Judi K. Cooper Executive Secretary	/s/ Elliott Smith

Dated at Des Moines, Iowa, this 4th day of March, 2004.